Appx(dy)ed For Release 2005/11/24 : CIA-RDP82-00457R002500180009-0 CLASSIFICATION @ CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. CONFIDENTIAL COUNTRY China DATE DISTR. 11 March 1949 SUBJECT] , Status of Consulates in Tientsin NO. OF PAGES Communications and Business in Communist-Held North China and Manchuria PLACE 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS. n to CIA Library **ACQUIRED** DATE OF IN SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1XREPORT NO. The American Consulate in Tientsin is functioning and is permitted to use its vehicles. There are no restrictions on its personnel or visitors. 2. The Soviet Consulate has completely ceased functioning. 3. (hinese are permitted to leave Tientsin for Tsingtao after obtaining passes from the Tientsin authorities. Transportation is generally by bus and truck rom Tientsin to Tsinan, by rail from Tsinan to Fangtze and by cart from Fangtze to Tsingtao. Although the passes are accepted all the way, the communists search the Chinese several times. No "squeeze" is exacted. In Tientsin, mail is accepted for Mukden, Harbin and Changchun. Railway raffic between Tientsin and Eukden has been resumed, with two train hanges en route. 5. Commercial cables can be sent from Tsingtao to Tientsin, Chinhuangtao, angshan, Tangku and Tsinghai, and mail is accepted in Tsingtao for Tientsin and the surrounding area. 6. I tocks of all Tientsin firms are dwindling, and no new stocks are available. / truck tire that costs \$60.00 in Tsingtao sells for \$130.00 in Tientsin. sale of vehicles is not permitted. A 50-pound bag of flour sells for \$5.00. 7. (S \$1 equals \$80 in local Communist currency at the official exchange rate, nd \$400 at the blackmarket rate. An ounce of gold is \$28,000. Gold yuan las little market. This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Document NO CHANGE In Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States. DECLASS Class. CHI Next Review Date: 2008 DOA Auth: DDA 25X1 Date: 25X1 CLASSIFICATION

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